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Dear Colleague:

This is an update on the availability of Pentacel[®] (DTaP-IPV/Hib), Daptacel[®], and Adacel[®] vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. There is now an unrestricted supply of all three vaccines available to VFC providers. Consequently, restrictions on the number of doses of these vaccines available for order have been removed.

If you have been using other vaccine products in place of Pentacel, Daptacel and/or Adacel, please be aware that the DTaP, Tdap, IPV and Hib vaccine products you have should be depleted prior to replacing them with Pentacel, Daptacel and/or Adacel. These other vaccine products will not be accepted for return. All orders will be matched against existing inventory of DTaP, Tdap, IPV and Hib vaccine products to ensure that too much vaccine is not being ordered. Unused DTaP, Tdap, IPV, and Hib vaccine will negatively affect your VFC Doses Administered Report and the amount of VFC vaccine you will be able to order. Adjust your orders accordingly. VFC staff will also be reviewing all orders prior to their approval.

If you purchase Pentacel, Daptacel or Adacel for use for non-VFC eligible patients, supply might still be restricted. For information on private purchase of these vaccines, please contact your vaccine distributor or Sanofi Pasteur at 1-800-VACCINE (1-800-822-2463) or www.vaccineshoppe.com

For questions about VFC vaccine orders, please contact the VFC program at (347) 396-2405 or e-mail nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov. We thank you for keeping New York City children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane R. Zucker'.

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